

The Enterprise

GREENVILLE S. C.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1870.

A Good Printing Press for Sale.
We offer for sale a good PRINTING HAND PRESS, which is in excellent order. The size of the bed is 22-25 inches, and turns out as good work as can be desired. A bargain is offered to a cash purchaser. Address this Office.

Adulterated Food and Liquors.

The people are liable to eat and drink poisonous articles, because there are no stringent laws by Congress or the States to protect them. Our law-makers, however they may boast of their love of the people, seem seldom to concern themselves much about protecting the great masses by legislation, from the arts of shysters and swindlers, high and low. Laws are made to punish counterfeiting, and the counterfeit of a dollar may be sent to the penitentiary for years, but those who adulterate and counterfeit food and drink are seldom or ever punished. The money counterfeiter may cheat some one out of a little money; the food and drink counterfeiter cheats him out of his health and life. But who cares. It is usually the poorer classes that suffer, and that is getting to be the generality in every State; the wealthy may import their wines and fine liquors or pay enormous prices for old brandy, while the commonality may poison themselves and families on the common articles. Let no one say that it does not matter because the poor have never any business to drink or use spirituous wine. It is true none have a right to abuse it or use it for drunkenness and dissipation, but it is largely used medicinally as a tonic by thousands of persons, and will be while the world stands, and even if used unnecessarily by the common people, they ought not to be poisoned with it. Its destructive power is tenfold greater when adulterated, as it nearly always is with poisonous materials. This was recently shown by professor SILLMAN, of Hartford, who examined the common whiskey and wine retailed there, and we dare say there is plenty of the same kind in every State and community. It contained sulphuric acid and sugar of lead, both poisonous and destructive to health and life, and the latter is peculiarly so, for it stays in the system when once taken, and does its work slowly and surely. We think it more probable that nine-tenths of the so-called wine, used in the observance of the Lord's Supper by the Churches, is all poisoned. The wine used in cooking generally is doubtless of the same sort.

The New York Times attributes the large increase in the number of sudden deaths in that city and elsewhere, to the use of poisoned food and drink—poisoned not for the mere purpose of hurting people, but to make money. Spurious tea is sold that is poisonous, and vinegar by the wholesale. In the cities they suffer from unwholesome bread, counterfeit ground coffee; in fact, many articles of ordinary food are cheats. The remedy for all this would be simple and effectual, if Congress and the State Legislatures would undertake it. Congress has, by its Internal Revenue system, taken special charge of liquors. Let pass a law to punish adulterations; they are direct frauds on the revenue as well as on the people; make it a penitentiary offence; authorize regular inspections of all liquor houses, great and small, and destroy every thing that is adulterated in any unwholesome manner; punish also those dealers that vend poisonous liquors, knowingly or ignorantly, graduating the punishment according to criminality, but let it be understood that every dealer sells such stuff at his peril, and our word for it they would take pains to see that they are not imposed on by their customers. The State Legislature should also pass severe laws on the same subject.

Horrible Murder.

Captain THOMAS A. HOLTZCLAW was brutally murdered on Sunday evening last, not far from his residence in this County, about seven miles east of this place. He was returning home from a neighbor's house after dark, accompanied by his wife. Some villain lay in wait and sprang upon him suddenly and gave him a blow on the head with an axe, which crushed in the skull, producing instant death. He fell against his wife, who, in her terror, fled through the woods, and getting home, gave the alarm. Captain HOLTZCLAW was found to have received a cut with the axe, which must have been given after the fatal blow. No certain clue, as yet, is found as to who is the murderer, but a negro man, Andrew, has been arrested by Constable MOORE, against whom there are quite suspicious circumstances.

This is the most shocking occurrence that has taken place in Greenville for many years. Our County has been remarkably free from such bloody crimes.

It is not known that Capt. HOLTZCLAW had any enemy bearing him a grudge, nor has he been known to give occasion for revenge to any one. He was a highly respectable and valuable citizen; a peaceable farmer, with a young family growing around him. His loss to them is irreparable and a sad one for the country. He was a brave soldier in the late war, and commanded a battery of light artillery that was raised in this District. Since the war, he devoted himself to peaceful pursuits.

Removal of Disabilities.

Every generous man of every party will thank Senator ROBERTSON, of this State, for introducing a bill in the Senate to remove from the Southern people the disabilities imposed by the 14th Amendment. There is the most reasonable probability that the bill will pass both Houses. It will do more for real reconstruction and peace, than any thing that could be done by Congress, as all would once more feel that they were free and equal citizens of a common republic. It would inspire hope and confidence throughout the land, that would serve to invigorate the whole body politic.

The Wheat Crop.

It is generally conceded that the prospects for a good wheat crop this year are "better than ever," and that more ground was sown last fall than usual. If the crop generally promises as fair as a few lots that have come under our observation, the yield will be immense indeed the present year. And considering the comparatively low price of flour now, by fall abundance of that article will be in the reach of all.

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Persons from the country visiting Greenville for the purpose of purchasing Dry Goods, Groceries, etc., would save money and get the best quality of Goods by consulting the advertisements in the Enterprise. They are invitations from the most liberal and reliable firms in the city to purchase, and they are from gentlemen who will make it to your interest for you to do most of your trading with them.

Sale of Persons.

A good many persons were in the City on Saturday, but not much business done. Only one sale by the Sheriff, and that was two stores on Main Street, and two Dwelling Houses, sold as the property of Dr. R. D. Lowe, to Mr. W. H. PERRY, for \$10.00. We suppose the property was trampled by mortgages.

On the 24th April, a most terrible boat

accident occurred at the State Capital in Richmond, Va. The Supreme Court room was crowded; the gallery full, and the floor sunk in and fell, also with a portion of the inside wall. In the fall of the Legislature below, some persons were caught and crushed. The greater number of the persons who went down with the floor, readily made their escape from the hall below. Those who were struck by timbers and caught by the gallery above, and those who were in the lower hall and caught by the falling mass, were the sufferers from the occurrence. The victims include some of the most reputable citizens in the State. The crowd had assembled to hear the decision of the Richmond Mayorality case that has produced so much excitement. The judges escaped injury, having just retired to another room for consultation. Deep distress and mourning was occasioned by the great calamity, and for several days business houses in the city were closed, and mourning badges exhibited on every hand. We have not room for the long list of killed and wounded.

The "XIX Century."

The "XIX Century" for May has been received, and comes to us as usual, full of the most interesting and instructive reading matter. We always stretch ourselves out comfortably in our easy-chair when the Century arrives, and prepare for a most delightful literary treat, such as we can experience in the pursuit of no other magazine that finds its way upon our table. Its articles are all original, and written by Southern writers, and our heart glows within us with sympathy and love for those who write for its pages, and with thanksgiving and joy towards those who conduct the magazine with so much tact and judgment. Surely if ever the people of the South were called upon to sustain and foster any enterprise within their midst, they are so called now; for this is emphatically their magazine, and worthy of their support and encouragement. We would, therefore, respectfully urge upon all our readers, young and old, that before spending their money for publications emanating from the North and abroad, they first enter their names as subscribers to the "XIX Century," as that possesses prior claims to any other. The subscription price is \$3.50 per annum. The June number will commence the third volume, and is an excellent time to commence. It is published in Charleston, S. C. We will furnish the XIX Century in connection with our own paper one year for the sum of \$5.00.

Runaway and Death of a Fine Mare.

On Monday afternoon last, the fine mare belonging to Mr. HENRY M